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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA

1. ALL MORNING AND AFTERNOON PAPERS MARCH 11 FEATURED REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA. FOLLOWING SELECTION REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES PROVIDES FLAVOR OF COVERAGE. TO VIMA HEARLDS "WHILE EXTENDING HIS VISIT ONE DAY, KISSINGER CALLS FOR MEETING OF THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS" AND IN ASSOCIATED STORY SUGGESTS THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA WITH VIEW TOWARDS RESUMING CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AVGHI (COMMUNIST, INTERIOR) INTRODUCES ITS REPORT "WITH SURPRISE VISIT TO ANKARA KISSINGER AIMS AT BIZONAL FEDERATION." A RELATED ITEM SAME PAPER HEADLINED "IN ORDER MAINTAIN ISSUE WITHIN NATO, THREE PARTY TALKS ARE BEING PREPARED BY AMERICANS." KATHIMERINI'S STORY OPENED WITH "KISSINGER PROPOSES MINISTERIAL LEVEL THREE PARTY TALKS--GREECE, USA AND TURKEY." ANOTHER ITEM SAME PAPER INTRODUCED BY "KISSINGER--I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CYPRUS." RIZOSPASTIS (COMMUNIST, EXTERIOR) HEADLINE STATES "EXTREME PRESSURE EXERCISED BY KISSINGER TO SOLVE PROBLEM--

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U.S. AND TURKEY HAVE AGREED ON PARTITION."

2. IN LENGTHY REPORT, AKROPOLIS CITES "WELL INFORMED SOURCES FROM ATHENS" FOR ITS INFORMATION THAT: (1) THERE NO CHANGE IN GREECE'S STAND ON CYPRUS; (2) NO PRESSURE BEING EXERCISED ON GREECE SINCE GREECE'S LIMITS FOR GRANTING CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED; (3) CURRENT DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY REPRESENTS INITIATIVE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ADDRESSED TO TURKEY WHICH ITSELF IS IN DANGEROUS SITUATION (RUMORS OF POSSIBLE COUP, ETC.); (4) ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO VISIT ATHENS; (5) KISSINGER EXAMINING WITH TURKS TERRITORIAL MODIFICATIONS ON CYPRUS; AND (6) KISSINGER HAS ADMITTED TO FONMIN BITSIOS THAT PRIOR GREEK AND CYPRIOT INITIATIVES CONSTITUTED SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROGRESS.

3. AFTERNOON PRESS FOLLOWS SIMILAR LINE: "BIZONAL SOLUTION AND 24 PERCENT OF LAND BEING BARGAINED IN ANKARA" (ATHINAIKI); "MUTUAL BLACKMAIL IN ANKARA" (APOYEVMATINI); "KISSINGER IS CONSTRUCTING SOMETHING" (HE SUGGESTS TRIPARTITE TALKS AND PRESSURES TURKS TO ACCEPT CYPRUS SOLUTION IN ORDER REGAIN AID) (VRADYNI); "ON BIZONAL BASIS ANKARA READY TO RECOMMENCE TALKS WITH GREECE" (TA NEA).

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